

About Us

College Station Parks & Recreation Department, a nationally accredited agency, strives to provide facilities and programs that enrich the lives of people of all ages with diverse, ethnicity, ability, belief, social and economic background and education.

Since its inception in 1971 as a City of College Station Department, it has expanded to 50 parks at a total of 1,274 acres, providing athletic fields and facilities, playgrounds, ponds, pools, conference center, recreation center, teen center, nature trails, an outdoor amphitheater and rental facilities. It offers over 200 programs with an operating budget of \$8,242,293. Number of staff has increased from 3 to 75 benefited positions, 200 seasonal / temporary employees, and approximately 100 Kids Klub staff.

The Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to education and safety of all children; it operates Kids Klub, a very successful after school program in cooperation with CSISD. Other great after school programs are held at Lincoln Recreation Center through the Boys & Girls Club and EXIT Teen Center.

In cooperation with College Station Utilities, the Parks Department offers series of free quality family concerts at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, a 7,000 capacity outdoor amphitheater.

Emergency Management Operation is also a major responsibility of the Parks Department, using facilities and staff during disasters such as the hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards such as:



Nationally accredited by the commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies and the National Recreation and Park Association

Texas Public Pool Council Class II Agency of the Year Award 2007

Gold International Aquatic Safety Award 2007

Tree City USA For 17 years

TRAPS Promotional Award 2006

Platinum Award for the National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training 2006

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Texas Public Pool Council Programming Award 2006

TAAF Silver Member City Award 2005